

THE ARIZONA SILVER BELT

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A MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION.

In the last issue of the Belt we made mention of the action of a joint meeting of the Republican and Democratic central committees of Maricopa county wherein they request Boards of Supervisors of the several counties to provide for holding an election for delegates to a Territorial convention, for the purpose of framing a form of a State constitution, and referred to the acts of the Legislative Assembly governing the same. Now that Maricopa's supervisors have fallen into the trap set by those political committees, and have pledged themselves that on the 1st Monday of October, 1889, "in regular session" in the city of Phoenix (will then and there appoint inspectors and judges of election, and take such other steps as may be necessary and expedient to hold such election and carry out the spirit and intent of the law passed and approved as aforesaid.)

So far as we are informed, the supervisors have only indicated that "Barkus is willing," and have not rendered themselves personally liable under chapter 2, section 31, Revised Statutes, which renders "every officer, including each supervisor who shall draw an unauthorized warrant, claim or demand upon any county treasury in this Territory, contrary to, or without the authority of law, shall be liable to the county on his official bond, personally, and for the amount thus directly paid out, or disbursed, on such warrant, claim or demand, and the same may be recovered by an action against the person, or persons, so liable therefor, jointly or severally. It shall be the duty of the District Attorney of the county to see that suit is brought in the proper cases for the enforcement of the provisions of this section. The vote of each supervisor upon every question, order or matter acted on by them shall be recorded in the minutes of the board."

The rule of law is, that the time, place and manner of holding a general election being fixed by law, the electors may, and indeed must, take notice thereof, and as to such electors the statutory requirement of public notice by proclamation or otherwise, may be regarded as directory only. But it has been frequently held that a statute requiring the Governor to issue his proclamation calling a special election is a mandatory law and an essential prerequisite to such an election. Such being the case it behooves supervisors to withhold their consent to an appropriation and disbursement of county money for the purpose of giving effect to the request of Maricopa's political junta, for the reason, if no other, that the proposed election for delegates is special and not general, and, therefore, if otherwise legal, wanting the Governor's authority, it would be a nullity.

Supervisors of Cochise county have refused to co-operate with Maricopa conventionists for the purpose of electing delegates to frame a form of a State constitution for Arizona. In refutation of the report current that the Apache county supervisors would comply with the request of the Maricopa conference to call an election, the St. Johns Herald says: "It is the general sentiment of the people of Apache that they will not send delegates to a constitutional convention, unless they are forced to do so. We do not believe that outside of Maricopa county, any more joint conventions will be held."

The Journal-Miner states that no official action has yet been taken by the Board of Supervisors of Yavapai county in regard to a constitutional convention, and Chairman Behan is opposed to taking any action in the matter.

Manuel Verdugo, who has just been found guilty by a Pima county jury, of the assassination of Louis Cohn, of Nogales, has found friends in that county who are about to interpose their kind offices in his behalf, by petitioning the Mexican government, of which Mr. Verdugo was a citizen of more than questionable repute, to ask the Secretary of the United States not to hang him. In making this request they are barking up the wrong tree; Arizona's governor is the commuting or pardoning power.

The Arizona Gazette has just issued a mammoth illustrated edition filled with valuable information and reflecting credit on the enterprising publishers. Its sixteen large pages are devoted exclusively to an exhibit of the great commercial, agricultural and mining industries of Phoenix, and Maricopa county. It is a splendid advertisement of the Salt River valley, and will no doubt attract capital and induce immigration to that favored section of our unrivaled Territory.

It seems they are catching on to American political methods in republican France, as the cable announces that Boulanger was "counted out" in the Montmartre district where, by the first returns, he was elected by a handsome majority.

JURY AND JUDGES

As is evidenced by the action of the U. S. Grand Jury, recently in session in Tucson, and United States Judge Barnes, a coolness exists between members of that body and the court. The cause of quarrel resulted from a criticism of the action of Judge Barnes, which was officially wired to the Department of Justice, in which it was stated that the ends of justice would be better subserved by substituting some other judge to preside in the trial of persons charged with the robbery of Paymaster Wham, for the reason that the remarks of Judge Barnes, in open court, had tended to intimidate witnesses on the part of the prosecution. The Judge, in open court, and in the presence of the jury, read the riot act, and ordered that the jurymen be sworn to answer such questions as the court might propound touching such criticism concerning "the judge of this court," whereupon all the jurors but one, severally answered that they had signed such a dispatch. It was then ordered by the court that the grand jury be discharged from further service on this court. The jurors, thus blackballed, are of the most reputable citizens of Arizona, and are respectively named, C. M. Bruce, Brewster Cameron, Samuel Hughes, F. H. Goodwin, W. I. Perry, Chas. H. Warren, W. H. Bloxton, R. B. Clark, A. L. Groves, B. Dunlap, W. Satters, A. Olson, Chas. H. Roche.

The miscue on the part of the jury was in criticizing the court during the pendency of the trials then spoken of. Had they commented on past proceedings they could not have been construed as interfering with the administration of justice, but that was not the purpose of the jury. Their object seems to have been a desire to promote justice. The bar association sustains the action of the judge, and other citizens as warmly approve the grand jury. It is contended that a judge has the right to dismiss a jury without question.

Eliza Cook's death is announced. The lyric world will mourn her demise. Her farewell of earth was taken at Wimbledon, England, September 25th, in the seventy-second year of her age. For thirty years her lyrical works have been our vade mecum. Her efforts in that respect, which directly express the individual emotions of the poet, are as highly prized as were those of Sappho and Horace, and as an evidence of her hold upon England's literati, the government of Great Britain conferred upon her an annual pension of \$500 a year. The following is her concluding stanza of "The Slumber of Death" and is here, in view of her death, fittingly reproduced:

No voice of the foe or the friend shall impart
The proud flush to the cheek or warm throbb to the heart;

The lips of the dearest may seek for the breath,
But their kiss cannot voice the cold stillness of death.

'Tis a long, 'tis a last, 'tis a beautiful rest,
When all sorrow has passed from the brow and the breast,

And the lone spirit truly and wisely may crave
The sleep that is dreamless, the sleep of the grave.

Governor Wolfley repudiates John Weir who claims to be an extensive mine owner in Arizona, bailing from Tucson, and who has been so liberally quoted in press dispatches from Washington upon political matters pertaining to this Territory. The statement credited to Mr. Weir, which elicited a vigorous denial from Governor Wolfley, in a letter to President Harrison, is a libel upon the Democrats of the Territory. Weir is quoted as saying, "that Democratic ruffians were determined to make the life of Governor Wolfley as miserable as possible; but it was almost as much as a man's life was worth to be an active Republican in Arizona; that the majority of Democrats were of the desperate pattern, ready to shoot on the slightest provocation." Governor Wolfley says that Weir is a stranger to him and not authorized to represent him in his affairs, and that, "there is no section of the United States where any one and every one is more free to state his political views, or to exercise all his political rights, than in Arizona."

The official report of the British naval maneuvers, prepared by the four admirals commanding the several squadrons, if it had any bias at all would naturally be in favor of the ships rather than otherwise. It is strikingly significant, therefore, that some of the criticisms reveal alarming features of inefficiency. In the first place, the much-vaunted torpedo boats are condemned as practically worthless except for distinctively coast and harbor uses. Then the large iron clads, particularly the more modern ones, were bothered during the maneuvers by grave defects of machinery. No vessel participating in the sham engagements, maintained its accredited speed, and the Mersey, one of the "fast" cruisers, developed only fourteen and a half knots. Altogether, the trials were disappointing.

A prairie fire last week threatened the destruction of San Diego. It burned to the edge of the city and its further progress was stopped by the exertions of the fire department.

Secretary of the Navy Tracy has ordered two 3000-ton steel cruisers, similar to the Baltimore and Charleston, to be built under government supervision at the New York and Norfolk navy yards. Advertisements for proposals for steel to be used in the construction of these vessels have been issued, bids to be opened October 31st, the delivery of material to commence within thirty days thereafter. The construction of these cruisers will be expedited as far as is consistent with thorough work.

The Construction Bureau of the Navy Department has nearly completed the plans for two 1000-ton naval vessels, and the preparation of advertisements for them will soon follow. These ships are to have 1200 horse-power and make fourteen and a quarter knots, a pretty good speed for such small boats, which will be between the Petrel and Yorktown in size.

The cruisers recently built for the United States Government are pronounced by foreign experts to be the fastest and best in their class in the world. It is evidently the purpose of the Navy Department to use all possible celerity in wisely carrying out the instructions and expending the appropriations authorized by the last Congress for the construction of new war vessels, and with the continuance of this determined policy for a few years, the United States will have a navy to command the respect on the high seas, which her position among the nations of the world entitles her to.

The War Department is in a quandary to know what to do with Geronimo and his band of Chiricahua Indians, now located at Mount Vernon Barracks, Alabama. Their contemplated removal and location in the western part of North Carolina, has provoked the opposition of Governor Fowle of that State who protests against the settlement of the Chiricahuas in North Carolina as prejudicial to the peace and prosperity of the State. At the same time Gov. Fowle with simulated seriousness, suggests that the Indians would be desirable tenants for the worn out lands of Secretary Proctor's native State, Vermont, and facetiously concludes: "I am sure, when the high character for morality and good order of the people of Vermont, the stability of their institutions, the healthfulness of the climate, the proximity of the locality to the great centers of wealth, intelligence and philanthropy and the evident solicitude of the State authorities to build up their waste places are considered, no happier spot could be chosen for your purposes."

There are more social disturbances now than a century ago, because there are twice as many people now as then. Many people have become suddenly rich by means of inventions or discoveries, but this has not been at the expense of the poor, but rather to their gain. In 1850 the Nation had a population of 23,000,000, with an average wealth per capita, according to the valuation of property, of \$908; in 1880 the population had increased to 50,000,000 and the average wealth to \$870; and next year's census will probably show that the average exceeds \$1,000; nor does a careful examination show that this increase is confined to the wealthy classes. The alarmists who find in every disturbance the seeds of revolution are arguing from very slight premises. With all its enterprise and energy this Nation is conservative and every communistic or socialistic outbreak has been quelled by law and public sentiment in a way that has discouraged their repetition. If the rich are growing richer the poor are growing richer also, and under such circumstances National prosperity is assured.

Secretary Windom has discontinued the custom of making counter-offers by the Treasury in the purchase of silver for use in the mints, as was the custom under the previous administration. The Director of the Mint receives every day a cable from London giving the market price for silver there, and from that is figured out the parity, and no price above that can be paid, unless an advance in the market occurs. The late Treasurer, Jordan, in order to get silver at the lowest possible price, inaugurated the custom of making a counter-offer lower than the price asked. It is now held it is not proper for the Treasury to go at it systematically to "bear" the silver market.

It is believed that three of the notorious Bender family have been located in Michigan. Mrs. Bender, wife of John Bender and mother of Kate, the murderers of Cherry Vale, La Belle county, Kansas, is said to be living in Niles, Mich., where she has been for the past ten years, and John Bender and his son John are reported as seeking seclusion in the woods in Montcalm county, Mich. Investigations to establish their identity are in progress.

The superintendent of the Census has appointed Richard P. Rothwell of New York chief special agent for the collection of gold and silver statistics for the eleventh census. Mr. Albert Williams, Jr., will be one of his assistants in the field.

Thirty-one Navajo boys have been sent to the Indian school at Grand Junction, Colo.

Booms made from powder, not wind, are the desideratum of a mining camp.—San Pedro Outlook.

The Wilcox Stockman reports a fall of snow in the Chiricahua mountains during the storm of last week, and frost on the San Pedro river. Snow is reported from several places in New Mexico.

The Florence Enterprise announces that it is about to put in a power press, and enlarge the paper to a nine column folio. We are pleased to learn that its growing circulation justifies these improvements.

A special telegram to the Belt, received yesterday afternoon reads: Latest returns up to date indicate that all the new States, North and South Dakota, Washington and Montana, have gone Republican.

We are in receipt of the initial number of the San Pedro (N. M.) Outlook, a six column folio, which not only presents a handsome appearance, but exhibits superior editorial ability. A. J. Hughes is editor and proprietor of the new journal.

The Eiffel Tower is as notable a financial as an engineering success. The shareholders have already received back three-fifths of their capital invested, and it is not unlikely that the entire amount will be repaid before the exhibition closes.

The jury in the case of Manuel Verdugo, the brutal murderer of Louis Cohn in this city about a year ago, Friday afternoon brought in a verdict of murder in the first degree. They were out but twenty minutes notwithstanding the fact that the evidence was all circumstantial.—Nogales Herald.

The Arizona Lumber Co. will make a fine exhibit of their products at the Albuquerque Fair, which opens Monday, having sent there a number of specimens of their wood work, including a log, 36 inches through. This company never misses an opportunity of advertising the resources of this section.—Flagstaff Champion.

The constitution for the State of New Mexico will be submitted to Congress, and when that body passes an enabling act the people of this territory will vote upon the constitution. If the election was held this fall it would be putting the cart before the horse, at great expense to the territory.—Albuquerque Citizen.

If the election was held this fall in New Mexico the constitution would be rejected by the people, and the framers of that charter knowing that such would be the result, wisely concluded to first submit it to Congress, to favorably impress the Republican majority in that body, and secure an enabling act. In this they may succeed, but the present constitution will not be ratified by the people, and it will be necessary to hold another convention to frame a constitution that will be acceptable to the majority of the voters.

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Globe, Sept. 24, 1889.

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